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NORTH, NORTHEAST TRADE INCREASES;
MARITIME CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION SET UP

TRADE BETWEEN NORTHEAST, NORTH CHINA -- Tung-pei Jih-pao, 21 Jul 49

The flow of goods between Shen-yang and the Pei-p'ing--T'ien-ching area has risen steadily since the resumption of trade between the two regions. According to a report recently released by the Northeast Railroad Freight Transport Office, commodities sent to Shen-yang from the Pei-p'ing--T'ien-ching area during March and June 1949 were valued in excess of 125.8 billion yuan in Northeast currency.

These commodities included 2,000 bolts of cotton cloth, 1,600 parcels of yarn, over 3,000 rolls of newsprint, 50,000 to 60,000 pairs of rubber shoes (29,000 pairs were sent in June alone), machine parts, raw materials for the manufacture of chemical products, pharmaceutical products, athletic equipment, etc. Commodities sent to the Pei-p'ing--T'ien-ching area from Shen-yang were valued at more than 133.3 billion yuan in Northeast currency for these 2 months. The items sent included cereals, bean oil, bean cake, iron, timber, herbs, machine parts, etc.

FOREIGN TRADE IN TA-LIEN--LU-SHUN AREA -- Jen-min Jih-pao, 19 Jul 49

According to data recently released by the Ta-lien--Lu-shun Harbor Control Department, foreign trade in this area has shown an increase of more than 34 percent for the first half of 1949 over the same period in 1948. Exports exceed imports by 17 percent. This is a considerable improvement over 1948 when imports exceeded exports by more than 327 percent. Goods exported (by percent) include: fiber goods -- fishing nets, cotton, wool, and silk cloth, etc., 54.9 percent; chemicals -- paints, pharmaceuticals, chemicals for industrial uses, etc., 15.1 percent; mineral products -- oils, glass, etc., 10.92 percent; foodstuff -- salt, peanuts, etc., 9.7 percent. Imports included: foodstuff -- 39.34 percent; fiber goods -- mainly cotton, 23.66 percent; mineral products -- mainly coal, 17.08 percent.

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ESTABLISH NORTHEAST CUSTOMS -- Tung-pei Jih-pao, 17 Aug 49

Shen-yang -- On 16 August, the Northeast Maritime Customs Administration was formally established on orders of the Northeast Executive Committee. From the Revenue Administration it will take over responsibility for organizing, unifying, and administering the maritime customs service. Besides collecting customs duties, the functions of the Northeast Maritime Customs Administration will include the enforcement of government import and export policies. Chang Hua-tung and Yang Mien, the chief and deputy chief, respectively, of the newly established agency have already entered upon their duties.

There are eight ports of entry. A revised customs tariff is to be prepared.

BRITISH MERCHANT SHIPS ENTER YING-K'OU -- Tung-pei Jih-pao, 6 Aug 49

The British ships Ha-ti-ti-tu [Hardy?] and Niu-chuang arrived at Ying-k'ou, on 4 August, from Hong Kong bringing US cotton and telephone wire in exchange for bean cake and other commodities. The Ha-ti-ti-tu brought 700 bales of US cotton weighing 347,228 pounds. The Niu-chuang brought 8,000 rolls of telephone wire, each roll containing 2,500 feet. According to agreement, 2,300 tons of bean cake are to be carried on the return trip.

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